

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 455.120, 455.130, 703.025, 704.260 and 704.280.

A REGULATION relating to subsurface installations; requiring an operator of a subsurface installation to submit quarterly updates to the association for operators regarding the geographic area of the subsurface installation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law authorizes the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada to regulate excavations and demolitions near subsurface installations, which are defined as pipelines, force mains, supply lines, conductors, conduit, cables, ducts, wires, communications lines, sewer lines, storm drains, other drain lines or other structures that are located underground. (NRS 455.080-455.180, 704.260, 704.280)

Existing law requires that before a person begins an excavation or demolition in an area that is known or reasonably should be known to contain a subsurface installation, the person must notify the appropriate association for operators of subsurface installations, unless the subsurface installation is owned or operated by the person conducting the excavation or demolition. (NRS 455.110) An operator, which is a person who owns, operates or maintains a subsurface installation, is required to join an association for operators to receive such notifications. (NRS 455.096, 455.120) This regulation requires an operator, not less than once per calendar quarter, to submit to the association for operators an update on the geographic area of each subsurface installation owned, operated, maintained or controlled by the operator in this State.

Section 1. Chapter 455 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

At least once per calendar quarter, an operator shall submit to the association for operators an update on the geographic area of each subsurface installation owned, operated, maintained or controlled by the operator in this State.